

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method of facilitating compliance with location dependent requirements,
2 comprising:
3 determining location information associated with a user;
4 determining requirement information based on the location information; and
5 facilitating the user's compliance with the requirement information.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the location information is associated with at
2 least one of: (i) latitude and longitude information, (ii) map coordinate information, (iii) a
3 location type, and (iv) an indication of a geographic region.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the location information
2 is performed via at least one of: (i) a global positioning system device, (ii) a wireless
3 communication network device, (iii) a wireless telephone, and (iv) a Bluetooth device.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the requirement information is associated with
2 at least one of: (i) a law, (ii) a regulation, and (iii) a rule.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the requirement information is associated with
2 at least one of: (i) a user action, and (ii) operation of a user device associated with the
3 user.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the user is associated with a mobile user
2 device, and the mobile user device comprises at least one of: (i) a portable computing
3 device, (ii) a personal digital assistant, (iii) a vehicle, (iv) an automobile, (v) a

4 communication device, (vi) a wireless telephone, (vii) a pager, (viii) a container, and (ix)
5 a weapon.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the location information
2 comprises:

3 receiving the location information at a requirement controller from a remote user
4 device.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein said receiving occurs at least one of: (i)
2 periodically, (ii) upon a change in a location type, and (iii) in association with a
3 requirement request.

1 9. The method of claim 7, wherein said facilitating comprises:
2 transmitting the requirement information to the user device.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the requirement
2 information comprises:

3 receiving the requirement information at a user device from a remote requirement
4 controller.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 transmitting the location information to the requirement controller.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein said transmitting is performed at least one
2 of: (i) periodically, (ii) upon a change in a location type, and (iii) in association with a
3 requirement request.

1 13. The method of claim 11, wherein at least one of the following are also
2 transmitted from the user device to the requirement controller: (i) a user identifier, (ii) a
3 user device identifier, (iii) a requirement request, (iv) a requirement type, (v) user
4 preference information, and (vi) supplemental information.

1 14. The method of claim 11, wherein said facilitating comprises:
2 receiving the requirement information from the requirement controller.

1 15. The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating comprises:
2 arranging for an indication to be provided to the user in accordance with the
3 requirement information

1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the indication comprises at least one of: (i)
2 text information, (ii) audio information, and (iii) graphical information.

1 17. The method of claim 15, wherein the indication includes at least one of: (i) a
2 description of a requirement, and (ii) a penalty associated with the requirement.

1 18. The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating is further based on
2 supplemental information.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the supplemental information is associated
2 with at least one of: (i) operation of a user device, (ii) weather information, (iii) a current
3 time, (iv) a current date and (v) user information.

1 20. The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating comprises:
2 automatically arranging for a user device to operate in accordance with the
3 requirement information.

1 21. The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the location information
2 is performed by a user device, and the user device determines requirement information
3 via a local location dependent requirement database.

1 22. The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the requirement
2 information is associated with at least one of: (i) a location dependent requirement
3 database, (ii) a rules-based system, (iii) a statistical analysis, (iv) human judgment, and
4 (v) a third-party service.

1 23. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 arranging to receive payment in exchange for facilitating compliance with the
3 location dependent requirements.

1 24. The method of claim 1, wherein compliance is facilitated with respect to a
2 plurality of location dependent requirement types.

1 25. An apparatus, comprising:
2 a processor; and
3 a storage device in communication with said processor and storing instructions
4 adapted to be executed by said processor to:
5 determine location information associated with a user;
6 determine requirement information based on the location information; and
7 facilitate the user's compliance with the requirement information.

1 26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said storage device further stores at least
2 one of: (i) a location dependent requirement database, and (ii) a requirement request
3 database.

1 27. The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising:
2 a communication device coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate
3 with at least one of: (i) a user device, (ii) a requirement controller, (iii) a supplemental
4 information device, and (iv) a payment device.

1 28. A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to
2 perform a method of facilitating compliance with location dependent requirements, said
3 method comprising:
4 determining location information associated with a user;
5 determining requirement information based on the location information; and
6 facilitating the user's compliance with the requirement information.

1 29. A computer-implemented method of facilitating compliance with location
2 dependent legal requirements, comprising:
3 receiving current location information from a remote mobile user device via a
4 communication network;
5 determining a current legal requirement based on the location information; and
6 transmitting an indication of the current legal requirement to the user device if the
7 current legal requirement differs from a prior legal requirement.

1 30. A method of facilitating compliance with location dependent requirements,
2 comprising:
3 determining requirement information;
4 determining a current location associated with a user;
5 determining location information based on the requirement information and the
6 current location; and
7 facilitating the user's compliance with the requirement information.